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Local Self-Government

Objections of the South Indian Railway Company to the construction of two road bridges in Malabar.

* 518 *Q.*—Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any objection from the South Indian Railway Company regarding the construction of two road bridges in Malabar where there are only ferries now; and

(*b*) what the orders are of the Government with respect to the objection of the South Indian Railway?

A.—The Government of India have been addressed in the matter and their orders are awaited.

Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi:—"May I know, Sir, what objections the South Indian Railway have raised in the matter of construction of road bridges and what the opinion of the Local Government is?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"The South Indian Railway have sent in their views in the matter of construction of bridges and they have been forwarded to the Government of India with the recommendations of the Provincial Board of Communications. This Government and the Provincial Board of Communications are in favour of the construction and I see no reason to believe that the recommendations of the Provincial Board of Communications would be turned down by the Government of India."

Mr. W. K. M. Langley:—"May I know, Sir, if the Government are aware that the general opinion of all commercial bodies of Malabar and South Kanara is that the proposed bridges would not damage railway interests to the slightest extent?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"I cannot give a straight answer to that question; but in the opinion of the Government these bridges are necessary in the public interest."

Mr. W. K. M. Langley:—"Is the Government aware that the public of Malabar is greatly inconvenienced through the absence of these bridges?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"I am aware and I have also a personal knowledge of these parts."

Protests against G.O. No. 4619, *L. & M., dated the* 20*th October* 1934, in re *the revision of salaries of teachers employed under local boards.*

* 519 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. Sreshta: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he had received any representations from the local bodies and teachers' unions requesting him to revise the scale of pay of teachers in the service of local bodies before he issued G.O. No. 4619, L. & M., dated 20th October 1934;